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The LEGO® Invasion is On!!





NEW!

UNITRON

Calling All Aliens!

Unitron is at the crossroads of the universe. Aliens from all the planets land here-- only you can decide what happens next!



1787 Crater Cruiser

Just say "eat my stardust, spy guy" and kick this crater-cruising machine into sixth gear. If you can't lose 'em, just bail in the detachable escape pod.



1789 Star Hawk II

Forget the Enterprise, Voyager, and Millennium Falcon. Only the best star pilots in the galaxy can handle the Star Hawk II. When its warp engines kick in, you'll blast to superhyperspace!



1793 Space Station Zenon

Space Station Zenon is the command center for all Unitron forces. You'll spend a lot of time training here for top secret interstellar missions against Spyrius spies. Z, as we call it, is like combining Earth's NASA, FBI and CIA.



1785 Crater Critters

"There's no place like craters" to these robocritters, who, with their infrared eyes, can search the deepest, darkest craters!



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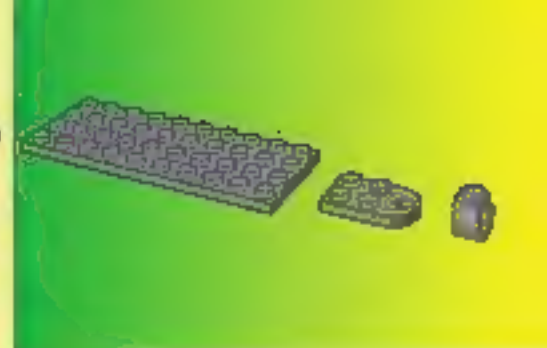
Mail Bag

For Kids
By Kids

Send your stories and ideas to:
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Flip N' Build
Step 1

If you can flip
this, you can
build it!



My cat Mitzer loves to play with LEGO heads. When I have my LEGO bricks out, she always comes and sits in the middle of them. She steals the yellow heads she finds, picks them up in her mouth and carries them away. She'll bat them around for hours. When we moved the couch, we found twelve LEGO heads under it.

Sincerely,
Darren Demmon,
Age 12
Issaquah, WA

My cat Mitzer
is a true LEGO
MANIAC!!



Dear friends,

We thought that the LEGO Club might like to see the orrery we built using LEGO TECHNIC pieces.

An orrery is a mechanical model of the solar system. The first one was once owned by the Earl of Orrery. It was made in about 1712 by John Rowley, and it's now in the Science Museum in London.

Like Rowley's orrery, ours includes the earth, the moon, and the sun only. In our orrery, the motor makes the earth turn on its axis once per day, and makes the earth orbit the sun once per year. It also makes the moon orbit the earth about once per month, and it even makes the sun rotate on its axis once per 27 days.

Happy building!

Benjamin, age 9 and
George Moody, father
Newton, MA

Moving?

If you're moving, please send your club mailing label along with your new address to:
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CITY OUTRAGE

by Aaron Roy, Age 12 • Pensacola, FL

People



Fire
Department

Police



Dragon

AHHH!! The screamed! Fire!! Help!! R-i-i-ing, the bell went. The got there in time. "Sheww!", the said. Then the came. They asked the questions about the fire. Nobody knew what caused it. Some said it was caused by a and they laughed. They checked everywhere for answers. They asked Spyrius, Ice Planet, Space Police, Paradisa, and Belville, but couldn't find an answer. So the had to go with the who said it was a . And yes, the was terrorizing the villagers of the castle. So the took Majisto to court and decided to put his on one year probation. And the never bothered Legoland® for the rest of the year.



COOL CREATIONS

Open wide, say ah!, & check out this Cool Creation! Jeff Stuckrod, age 9 of Eldora, IA designed the awesome...

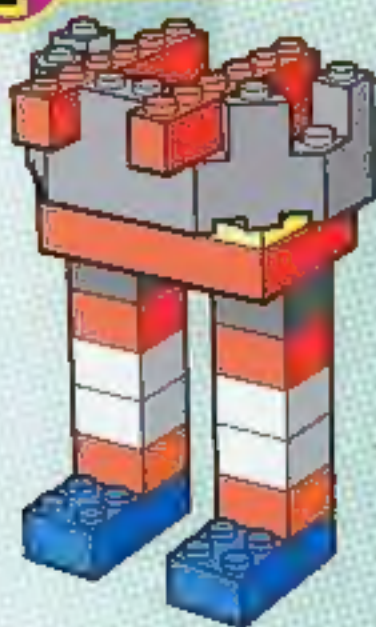
ROBO BRUSH TOOTHBRUSH HOLDER



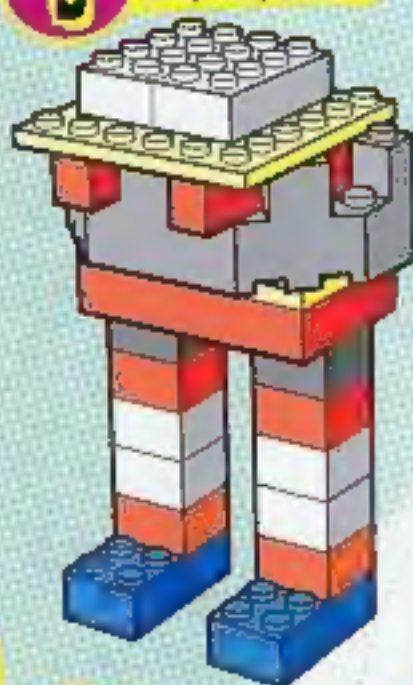
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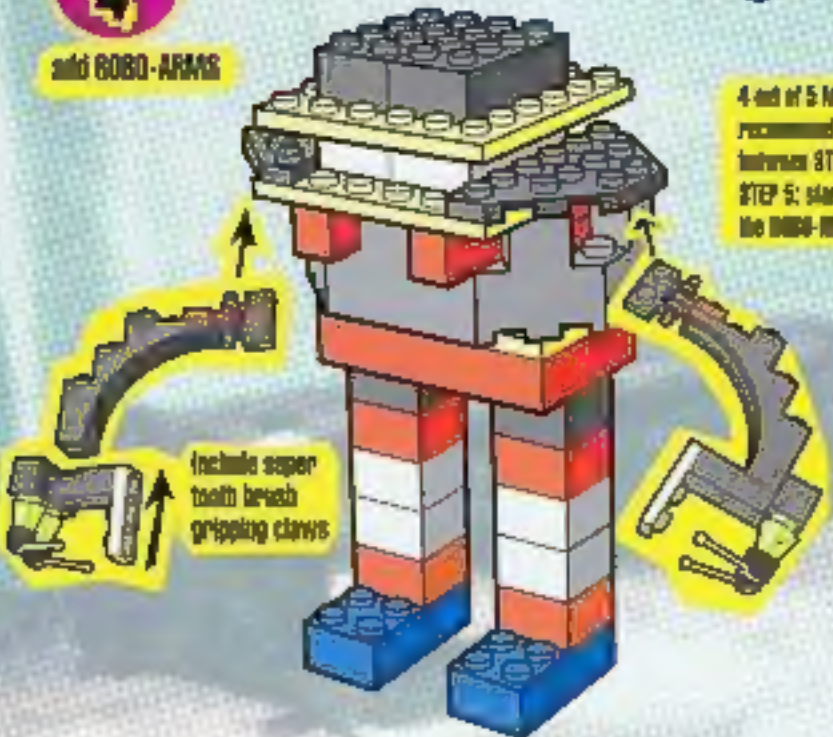
2 build the ROBO-BELLY



3 build, build, build...



4 add ROBO-ARMS



4 out of 5 MASTERS recommend brushing between STEP 4 and STEP 5: start building the ROBO-HEAD

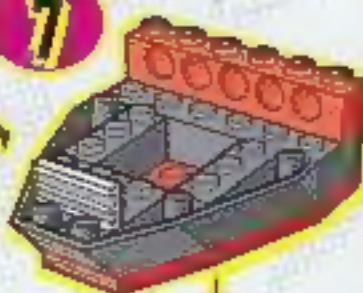
5 ROBO-HEAD



6 It's minty fresh!



7



Now, put the head on the body and your ROBO-BRUSH is ready!

Try to build your own ROBO-BRUSH with the pieces in your LEGO collection. Special pieces like the blue dome on the head can be found in LEGO set #6835 Saucer Scout or #6125 Sea Sprint. The special piece shown in the ROBO-BELLY can be found in #6082 Fire Breathing Fortress and #6076 Dark Dragon's Den.





Saucer Scout

Recon Robot

THEY CAME FROM OUTER SPACE!

Flip N' Build

Step 2

From the movies, most of us are familiar with R2-D2, C-3PO, Wookiees, Ewoks and Mr. Spock. But have you ever heard of Gort, the giant Ymir, Selenites, Robbie the Robot, or even the Blob? Well these creatures are all aliens or robots that have appeared on the silver screen the world over.

If you look closely at LEGO SYSTEM® Space models like the Recon Robot, Robo Guardian, and the Spyrius Spy figure, you may think, "Hey, I saw something like that in a movie." Maybe you did. Moviemakers and LEGO model builders like you have something in common: a great imagination! If you wanted to create an alien or robot, what would it look like? What secrets and surprises would you have up your sleeve? To get your imagination going, grab a bucket of popcorn, sit back, and read about some popular aliens and robots of the silver screen.

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Feature Story



The Martian spaceship from War of the Worlds



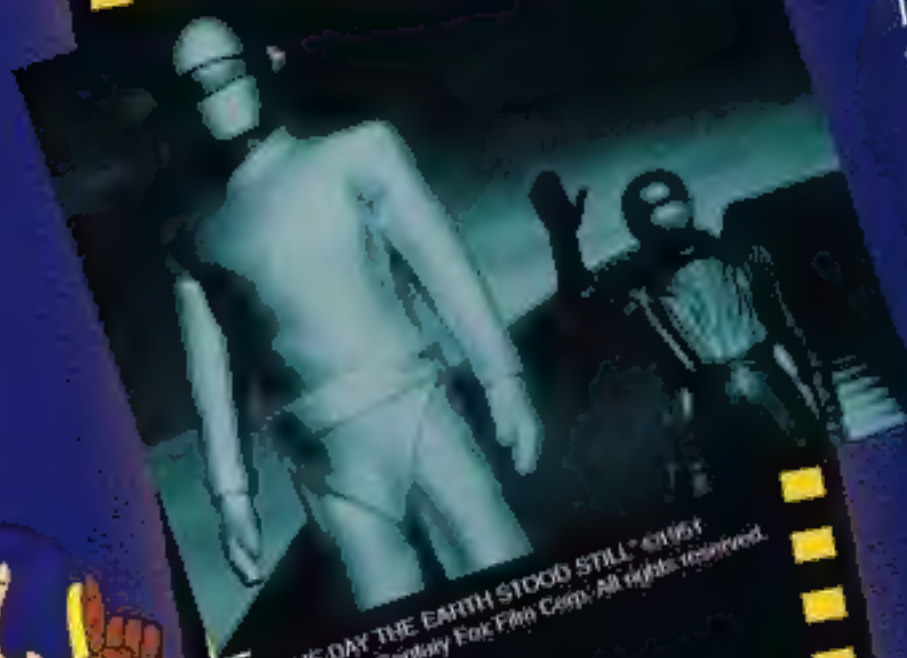
© 1995 Paramount Pictures

Flash and pals meet some claymen from Mongo



Courtesy of MCA/Universal

The Earth stood still the day Gort and Klatu said hello



THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL © 1951
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The 1930's first brought space heroes Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers to the screen. With his trusty ray gun, Flash battled evil Ming the Merciless of the planet Mongo. He also met alien Sharkmen, Hawkmen, Treemen, and Rockmen. To many kids growing up in the '30s, Buck Rogers was what science fiction was all about. He fought Martians, battled Zuggs from Saturn, and had all kinds of cool rockets, blasters, and gadgets.

As the 1950's began, Hollywood found a renewed interest in aliens and their robot friends. They came to life in movies like The Day The Earth Stood Still, Earth vs. The Flying Saucers, Forbidden Planet, War Of The Worlds, The Thing and 20 Million Miles to Earth. One Hollywood star was 2,000 lbs. of Krell metal named Robbie the Robot. Robbie could do anything from making dresses to manufacturing food and drink. He appeared in the movie Forbidden Planet and later in The Invisible Boy.

The 1960's gave us Star Trek's Mr. Spock, super computer robots, alien babies, and a bunch of androids.

In the Star Wars series of the 1970's and 1980's, Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, and Princess Leia were all from a galaxy far, far away. Star Wars also showed us a whole bunch of robots like R2-D2 who could hack into any computer in the universe, carry 3-D hologram messages, and help fly a starfighter. C-3PO could speak millions of languages and more. It also showed us robot farmhands and robot surgeons.

A pack of LEGO aliens say cheese for the camera



E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial



The first movie aliens were in A Trip to the Moon, made by Georges Melies

In the 1980's, aliens finally got friendly, especially to kids. E.T. (the extraterrestrial) and Elliott became best of friends. Together, they ate Reese's Pieces®, rode bikes, went trick-or-treating, and saved each other's lives. Even the aliens in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* proved to be harmless visitors who just borrowed some Earth people for awhile!

Aliens and robots—only in the movies? Sixty years ago, robots were just dreams, today they are real. Aliens?...well, we'll just have to wait and see! After that short look at film aliens and robots, we bet you're ready to create a LEGO alien or robot that's never been seen before!

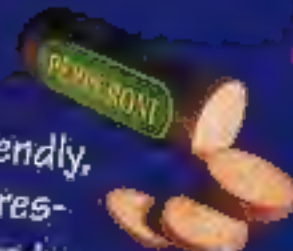


Han, Leia, Luke, Chewy and robots C-3PO and R2-D2 were all from a galaxy far, far away.



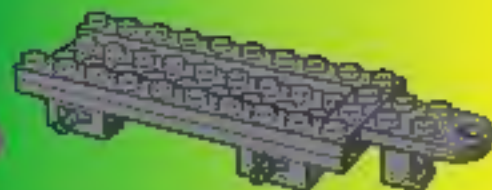
Star Trek's amazing alien...Mr. Spock.

Just a few secrets and surprises you'll find in Robo-Guardian.



Flip N' Build

Step 3



Movie Magic

Bringing Aliens and Robots to Life

Have you ever wondered how a 50-foot alien monster can destroy an entire city or how a 3-foot clicking, clacking robot comes to life? Well, in Hollywood, anything is possible with the magic of special effects and master movie magicians like Ray Harryhausen and Dennis Muren.



Ray Harryhausen

For over 40 years, Ray Harryhausen has created giant aliens from Venus, insect men from the Moon, magical beasts and flying saucers. He does it all one frame at a time with miniature models and the magic of stop-motion animation.

At Industrial Light & Magic (a special effects company), Dennis Muren recently helped bring to life the dinosaurs in *Jurassic Park* through computer-generated images. Dennis also made E.T. fly on a bike, brought aliens to Earth in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, and helped create fantastic robots for *Star Wars*.



Dennis Muren

You too can make your own movies using miniature models. LEGO sets are perfect for making miniatures. With all the hidden compartments, trap doors, and moving parts, it's like having your own mini movie set. Create vehicles, monsters and people for your movie out of your LEGO SYSTEM Castle, Space, Pirate, Aquazone, or Town adventure sets. Then grab a video or movie camera and start creating your own movie magic!

What do you think R2-D2 was a man, a remote-control model, or a miniature? All three! One R2-D2 was only one-inch high, another remote-controlled R2-D2 buzzed around on wheels, and a third R2-D2 was designed so 3-foot tall actor Kenny Baker could sit inside it.

How did Ray and Dennis get their start? Like many people in the movie industry, they started making movies as kids. They stuck with it, and made careers out of something they liked to do as kids.

The End



Thomas Michon,
Age 7
Irvine, CA
"Spy Bug"
(Made from #6897,
#8887, and #6939)

Drew
Martins,
Age 7
Belfast, ME
"Battle-
Station"
(How many
special pieces can
you find in this
model?)

Candace Lanier,
Age 9
Cookeville, TN
"Space Walker"

Johnny Schreiber
Age 8
Wheatogve, CT
"Shark Predator"

Thomas Hald,
Age 8
Springfield, VA
"Tiger"

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PHOTO
OF YOUR
MODEL TO:

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Remember to include
your name, address, age
and model name. Pictures
will not be returned

LEGO Maniac Madness



Daelen and Katrin Junge
 Kempton, PA
 "Raggedy Ann and Andy"



Mark Isaacson,
 Age 5
 Bay City, TX
 "Wilma Flintstone"



Daniel Gee,
 Age 7
 Walnut Creek, CA
 "Megazord"



Steven Perry,
 Age 13
 Mountain View, CA
 "Castle and Village"



David Wehr,
 Age 9
 Piscataway, NJ
 "Tropical Island"



Onions
 make
 me cry.



Drew Emmel,
 Age 7
 Oak Forest, IL
 "Concrete Truck"

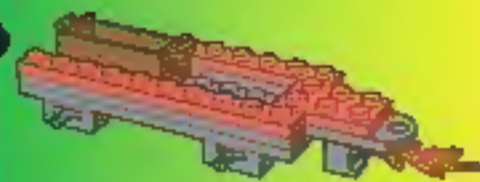


Brian Stokes
 Mission Viejo, CA
 "Spyrius Underwater
 Base, 'Aquaquad 4'"



Flip N' Build

Step 4



the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac

THE LEGO MANIAC'S ADVENTURE CONTINUES: AFTER JAILBREAK JOE HIJACKED A SPACE SHUTTLE THE MANIAC CHASES JOE IN ANOTHER SHUTTLE, TOWARDS THE PLANET UNITRON.



... AND SUDDENLY THE SHUTTLE ENTERS A DANGEROUS METEORITE SHOWER.

WOW! GETTING THROUGH THAT METEOR SHOWER TOOK SOME FANCY FLYING.



GOOD THING I'M ON UNITRON SAFELY.

MEANWHILE, JAILBREAK JOE IS HAVING PROBLEMS OF HIS OWN ABOVE UNITRON.

BLAST! I'M OUTTA FUEL! IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS A CRASH LANDING!



HEY ED! DID YOU HEAR THAT?

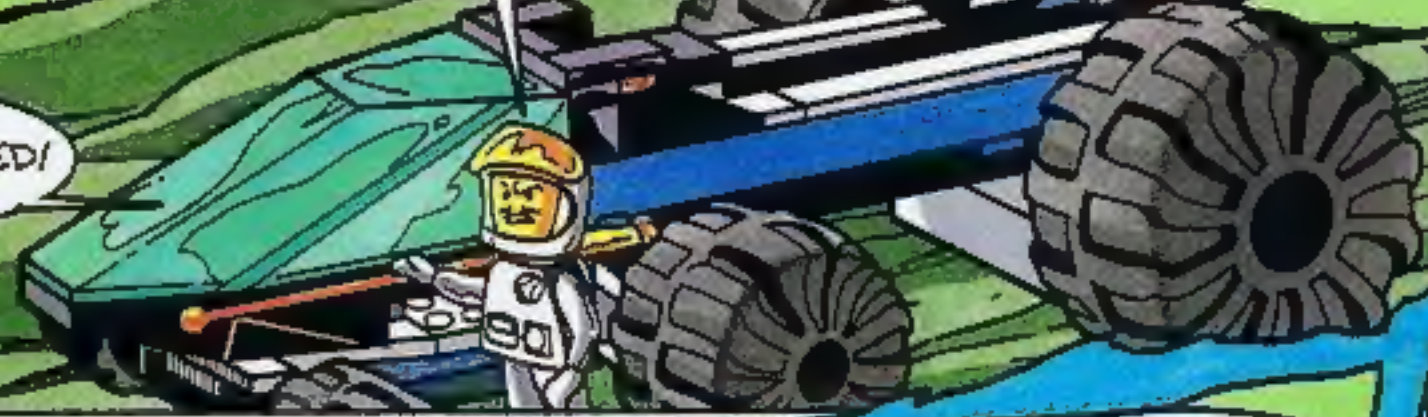
IT'S PROBABLY A METEORITE.

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W
A
S
H

IF I CAN JUST GET TO THE MONORAIL, I CAN GET TO SPYRUS.

HEY! THAT'S OUR BUGGY!

WOW! THIS WILL GET ME THERE AT WARP SPEED! NICE WHEELS!



YOU UNITRON DUDES ARE TOAST. I'M OUTTA HERE!

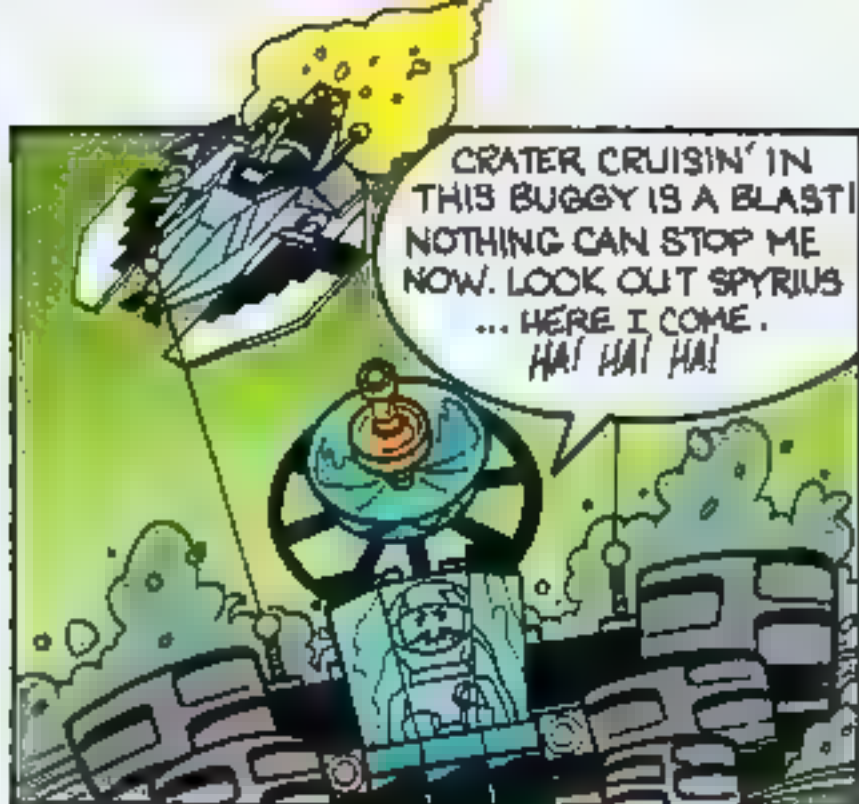


HELP! MANIAC! THIS IS EXPEDITION ONE. OUR CRUISER HAS BEEN STOLEN BY JAILBREAK JOE. HE'S HEADING TOWARDS THE MONORAIL.

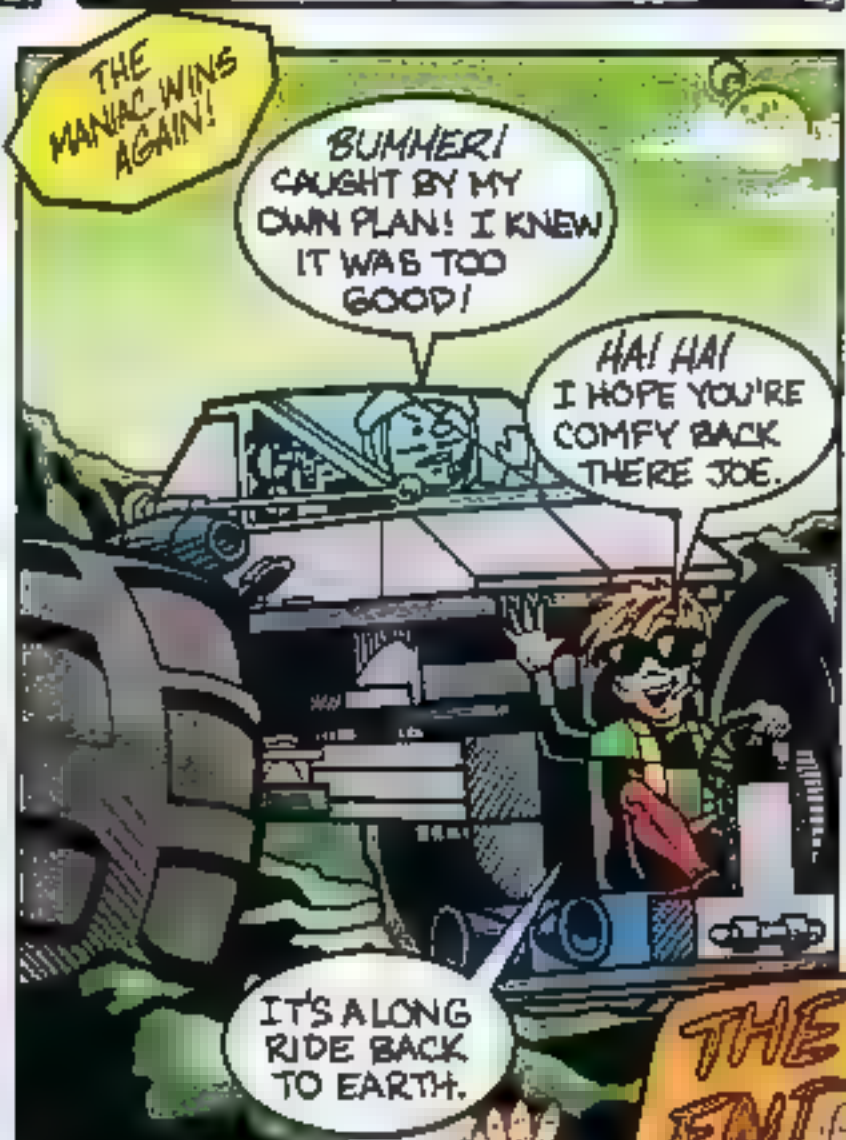
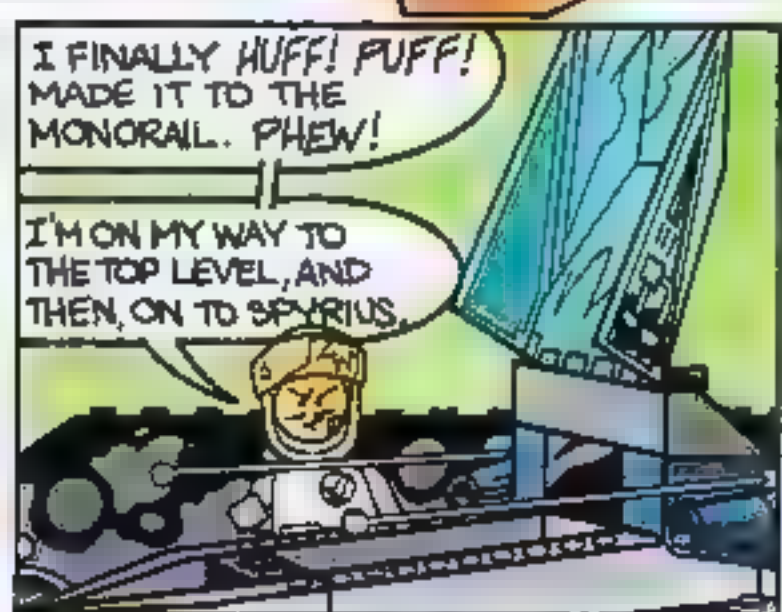
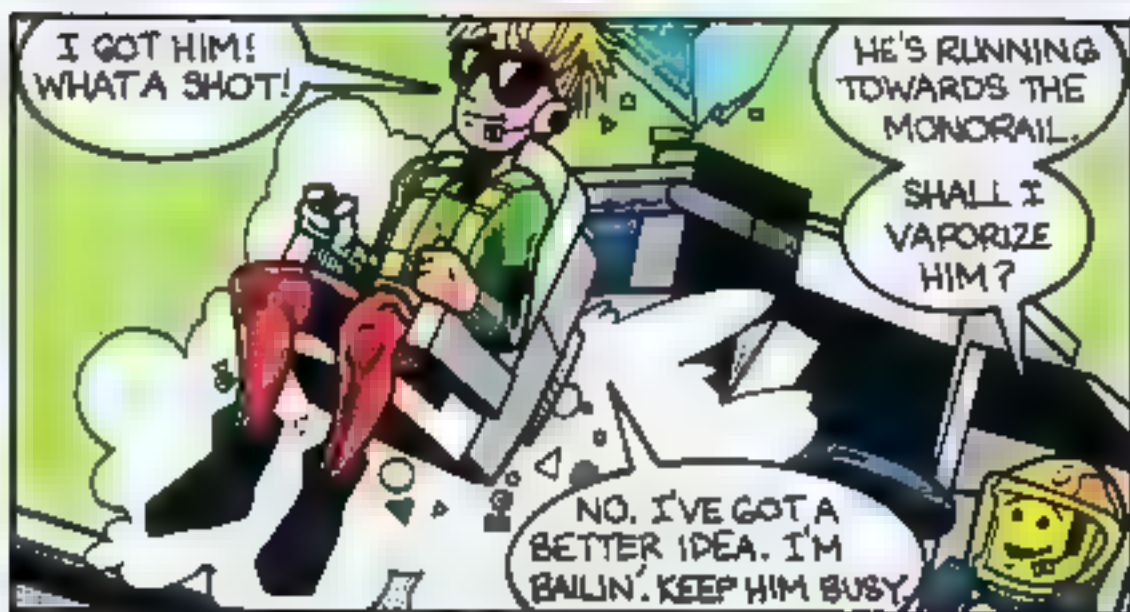
THIS QUICK LAUNCHING STARHAWK I WILL GET THE JOB DONE.

COME ON ED, WE'LL CATCH JOE. ADIOS AMIGOS!





THERE'S JAIL BREAK JOE WELL, A LASER LUNCH OUGHT TO SLOW HIM DOWN. STEADY - STEADY. IF I CAN JUST GET A COUPLE OF TIRES...



THE END

MORE

COOL CREATIONS

For Kids
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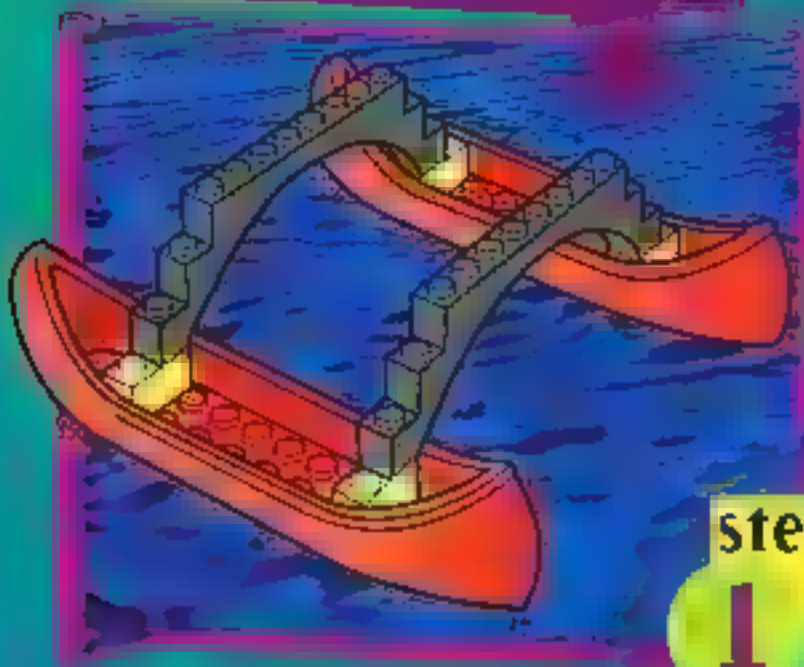


All hands on deck!

Lukas Ives, age 7, of Chevy Chase, MD sent us this cool Catamaran

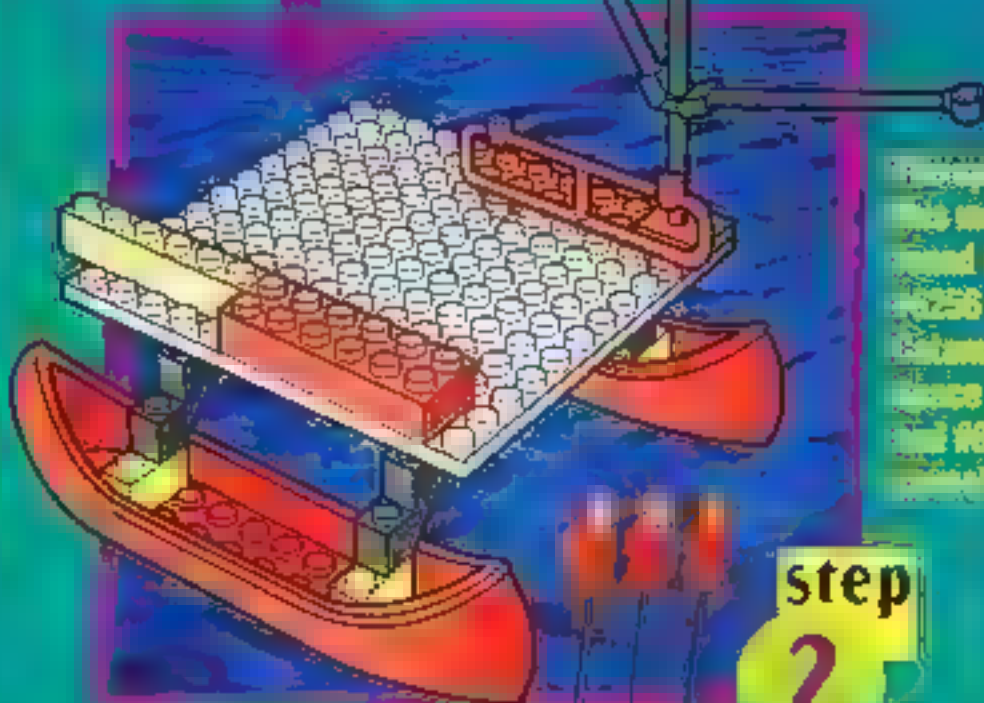
Ready to build? It's called Chevy Chase!

Start with some canoes.



step
1

add a deck
and mast.



step
2

enlarge the
deck and hoist
the sail.



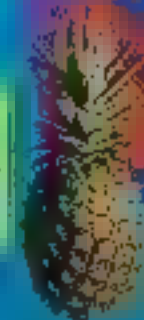
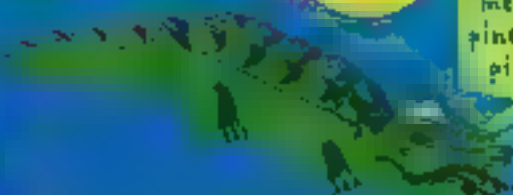
step
3

Rrrrr
me love
pineapple
pizza!



step
4

set sail!



For Kids
By Kids



**It's a bird,
it's a plane,**

it's the "Supersonic
Jet" designed by
Jackie Sze, age 6
of Camas, WA

Flip N' Build

Step 6

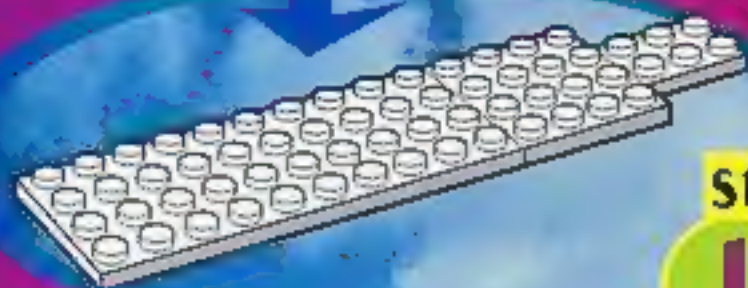


You can build your own "Cool Creation" with the pieces in your collection. The special pieces in this model can be found in LEGO SYSTEM Town sets.

Hey pal, move those peppers,
there's no meal on this flight!

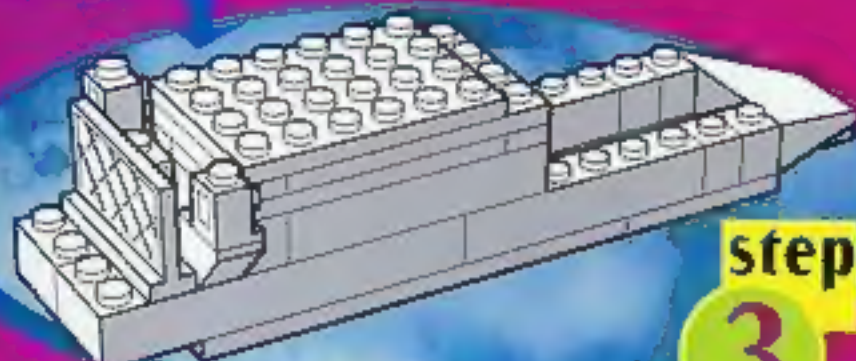


Prepare for take-off!

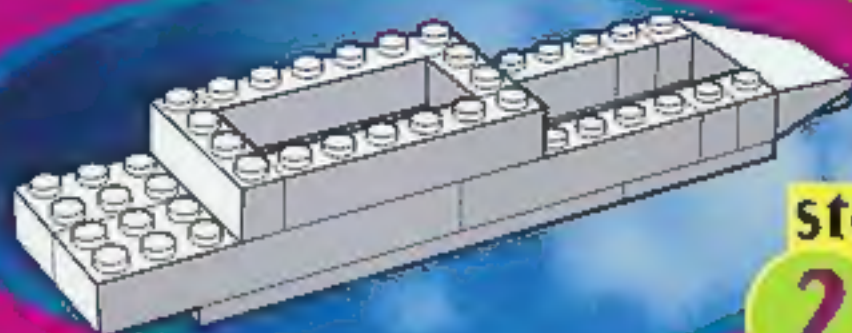


step
1

Add a cargo bay...

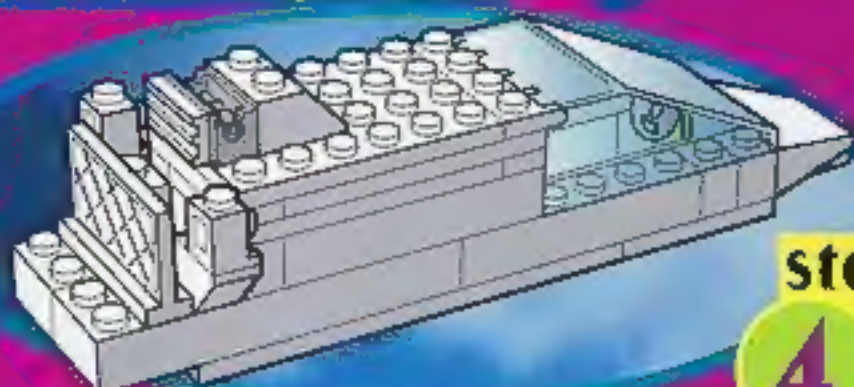


step
3



step
2

The windshield can be found in
LEGO set #6344 Jet Speed Justice.



step
4

you'll need wings...



step
5

**and landing gear
under both wings
& under the nose.**



step
6

HEY! Your design could be featured in
Cool Creations. Send in your original
model-making instructions to:

▶ LEGO CLUB, "Cool Creations"
P.O. Box 1308, Enfield, CT 06083.
Club members featured will receive a
free LEGO set of their choice!

**Now you're ready
to break that old
sound barrier!**



maniactivities

The Brain From Outer Space

You may need a brain from outer space to answer some of these super space questions. We start you out with an easy question and then you're on your own, Earthling. If you don't know the answer, just guess. That's half the fun. The other half is learning new space trivia. May the force be with you! (You'll find the answers at the bottom of the page.)

1. E.T. stands for _____
 a. Extraterrestrial
 b. Earth's twin
 c. Energize timewarp

2. LEGO spies are hiding a secret _____ in a giant lunar mountain at the #6959 Lunar Launch Site.
 a. flying saucer
 b. satellite rocket
 c. robot

3. Even though you've seen it done in movies, this can't really happen in outer space: _____
 a. Hear the sound of explosions.
 b. Flying with rocket packs.
 c. Floating inside a spaceship.

4. Steven Spielberg, the director of "Jurassic Park" and "E.T.", made his first movies when he was just _____ years old!
 a. 8
 b. 13
 c. 18

5. Several countries on Earth, including the United States, are planning to build a new space station. The space station, called _____, should be operational in the year 2001.
 a. International Space Station Alpha
 b. Discovery II
 c. Intergalactic Space Station Zebra

6. In the movie E.T., E.T.'s costume had to be covered with _____, so that Elliott's dog would sniff him. It worked so well that the dog tried to devour E.T.!

- a. Dog food
 b. Baby food
 c. Bacon grease

7. If you are an alien from Venus, this planet is closest to yours: _____

- a. Earth
 b. Mars
 c. Saturn

8. LEGO Spyrius travelers get a special thrill as they ride in the #6939 Saucer Centurion. The saucer snaps open to release a(n) _____

- a. alien
 b. asteroid
 c. space vehicle

9. The first living Earth creature to blast into space in a rocket was a _____

- a. Man
 b. Monkey
 c. Dog

10. LEGO Ice Planet scientists can cut through glaciers with their _____
 a. ice saws
 b. ice drills
 c. ice scissors

- Answers
 1. a
 2. c
 3. b
 4. b
 5. a
 6. b
 7. a
 8. c
 9. b
 10. c

How old will you be in the year 2001?

2001

???

BASEBALL HOOPERS

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

The LEGO League baseball season has just begun! See if your eyes are as good...or better...than the umpire's. Look at the game on the top part of the page. Then catch the action on the bottom. There are 22 differences in the game on the bottom. Write down the differences as you find them, then check your answers on the back page.



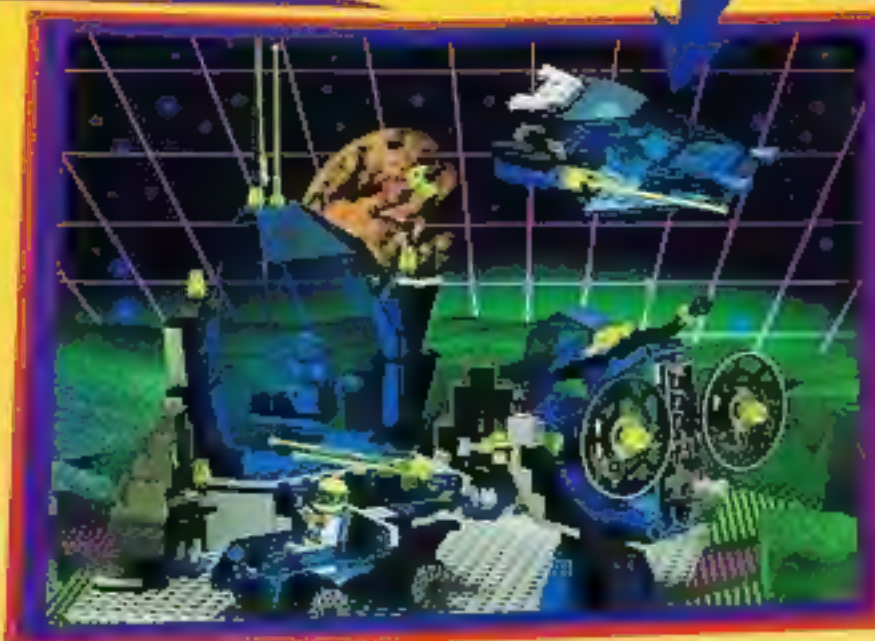
Model by 9 year old Tony Virgili of Ashland, Oregon.



See the next page for the answers

Find the toppings and Devour a Prize!

You could win this set!



The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct answer will win a LEGO set of their choice!

(Up to \$100 retail value).



Enter Today!
Entry Form in
the center of
magazine.

The LEGO MANIAC is making his favorite,

super deluxe, 10 topping pizza. But he needs your help in finding those 10 yummy toppings hidden in the magazine. Look anywhere and everywhere, sideways, upside down, and from other crazy angles! Remember, the toppings may look real but don't eat the magazine!

Then write the topping names on the entry form found in the center of this magazine. We've even given you the name of the first topping. Members with all the correct toppings could win a LEGO set of their choice!

Here's How to Enter:

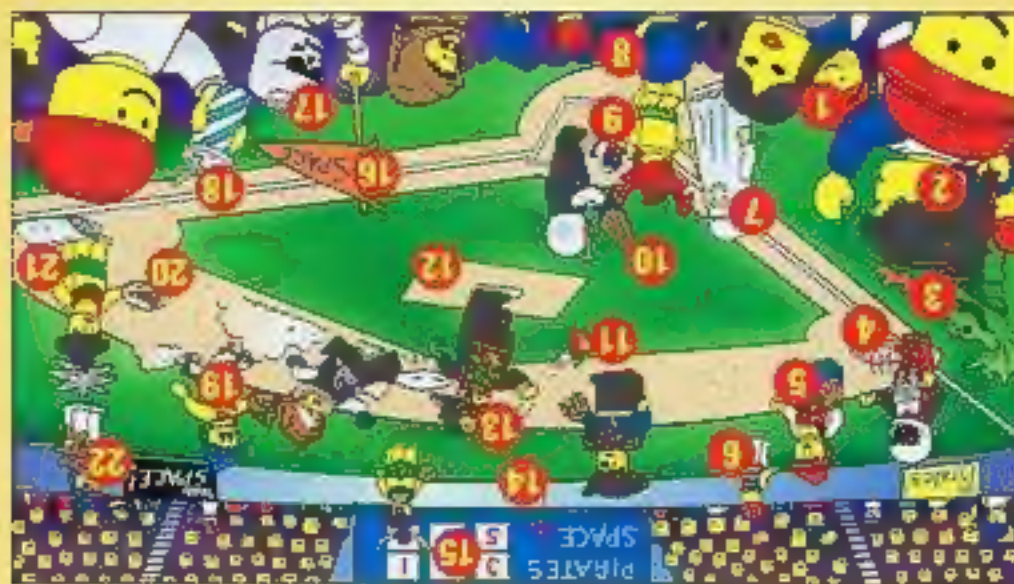
Just fill in your name, address, and the topping names on the Contest Entry Form found in the center of this magazine. Clip out the form and mail it by July 25, 1995 in your own envelope.

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Turn upside down
for the answers to

"Baseball Bloopers- Spot the Difference"

on page 15.

Here are the 22 ways in which
the bottom baseball scene is
different from the top scene.

1. Fan with beard is not wearing sunglasses.
2. Cheering fan is female.
3. Dragon is breathing fire.
4. 3rd base bag is a birthday cake.
5. The third baseman is wearing glove on different hand.
6. The left fielder is facing backwards.
7. The ghost is wearing a hat.
8. Fan in blue hat is wearing hat backwards.
9. The catcher is wearing a sweater (not a glove).
10. The batter is holding an umbrella.
11. The pitcher is throwing an apple.
12. The pitcher's mound is a rectangle.
13. The pitcher's hat has a flower on it.
14. There is a flag in center field.
15. The score is Pirates 3, Space 5.
16. The skeleton is holding a space penant.
17. The skeleton is wearing glasses.
18. Fan is holding a drink.
19. The second baseman is wearing roller skates.
20. The first baseman is holding a pizza.
21. 1st base bag is marked with a pillow.
22. Right fielder is holding a teddy bear.